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For: BUILDING BLOCKS CONTAINING ISOCYANATE GROUPS AND THEIR USE
FOR FUNCTIONALIZING OR MODIFYING COMPOUNDS OR SURFACES

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Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction/election mailed March 27, 2002, the applicants elect the examiner's Group III, claims 6-13. The applicants further elect the single disclosed embodiment wherein:

R¹ is hexamethylene,

X is a covalent bond,

R² is octadecyl,

Y is hydrogen and

n is one; and wherein the isocyanate-reactive group on a surface which has at least one isocyanate-reactive group is surface of cotton fabric.

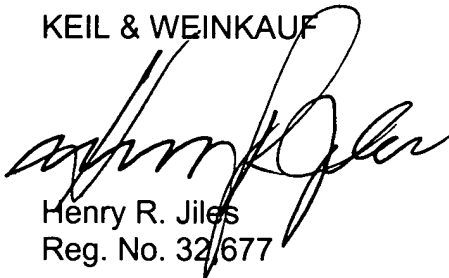
Claims 6, 8, and 11-13 are readable on the elected embodiment.

The applicants hereby elect with traverse. It has long been the practice to permit the claiming of a compound (or class thereof), a process for making the compound and a method of using. The splintering of the applicants' invention for merely the convenience of the examiner is arbitrary and insufficient reason for this requirement for restriction. Further, the requirement for an election of species based on the election of the examiner's Group III is without merit, especially in light of the process nature of the elected invention. Favorable reconsideration is solicited.

To the extent necessary, applicant(s) petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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